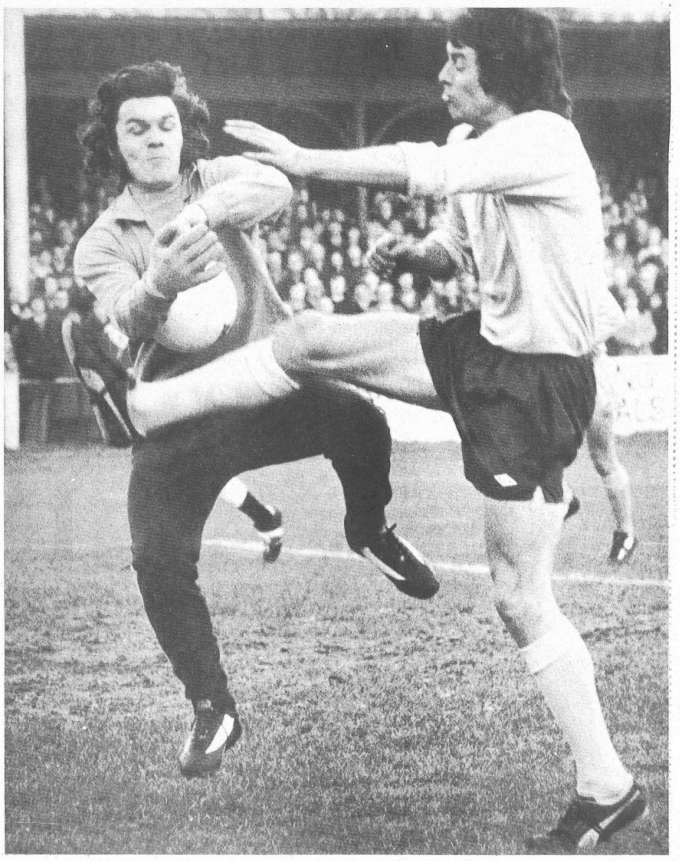
SATURDAY'S F.A. CUP HIGHLIGHTS

Dylan Evans gives chase as full back Gary Peters sends the ball back to his goalkeeper during the second half.



Wycombe's goalscorer Ian Pearson is foiled by Reading 'keeper Steve Death during the first half on Saturday.

Bleak day for the non-league clubs

IT was a bleak day for the non-league clubs in the F.A. Cup battles with league opposition on Saturday.

None of them recorded a victory but two at least managed to draw. Pride of place must go to Northern Premier League side Goole Town. They had the toughest tie of the round at Wrexham, the Third Division pacesetters who have met some of the world's best clubs in European football.

They went a goal down to Whittle just before half time but salvaged a draw when Kelly scored in the 89th minute.

Wycombe's fellow Rothmans Isthmian Leaguers Hitchin also trailed to Swindon at Topfield when Dixon gave the Division Three club a 38th minute lead. But Neil Bunker made sure of a replay when he scored with a header in the 68th minute. There was a near 5,000 crowd at the game — Hitchin's best for some years.

Dave Kemp, the former Slough striker signed from Crystal Palace, put Portsmouth one up against Southern League Minehead and Kamara made it 2-0 on the hour. Minehead fought back with a goal from Leitch after 70 minutes but were unable to snatch a draw.

HAMMERED

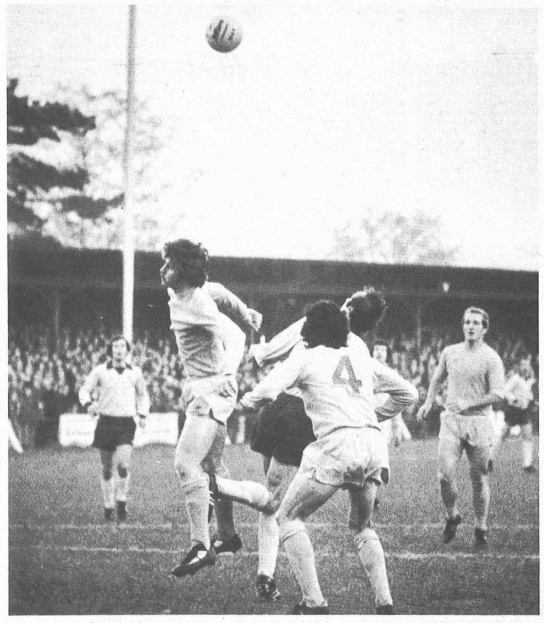
Two non-leaguers were put firmly in their place. Nuneaton, fourth in the Southern League, were hammered 6-0 at Lincoln City after trailing 2-0 at half time while Enfield, the Rothmans Isthmian League champions, crashed 4-0 at Crystal Palace.

Two mistakes by Mick Lowe, the Enfield 'keeper, gave Palace two goals while former Wanderer Keith Searle missed a good scoring chance early on.

Steve Perrin, another ex-Wycombe player, was in the Palace side and the 4-0 scoreline must have brought doubts about the wisdom of switching the tie from Southbury Road to the Palace. A 13,000 crowd will make Enfield a few bob but their chance of victory must have been severely affected by the switch.

Hillingdon Borough took a first minute lead in their game against Watford who hit back to go 2-1 up in the second half. A draw looked on the cards when Ryan made it 2-2 in the 81st minute but two minutes from time Coffill clinched Watford's winner.

In the only all non-league game to be played, Kettering got through by the only goal against Tooting, Clayton's 82nd minute effort proving enough to sink the Isthmians.



Reading win out in this aerial battle thanks to Gary Peters (left). Number 4 is Gordon Cumming, Reading's captain.

Reading players Paul Bennett, Robin Friday and Stewart Henderson look on anxiously as Steve Death gathers the ball from Dylan Evans and John Priestley.

Bad news for Jack

LEATHERHEAD and Wimbledon, two of the best known of F.A. Cup giant-killers, have a marvellous incentive to reach the third round tonight (Tuesday). The winners of their postponed tie are at home to Middlesbrough on January 8.

'Boro' boss Jack Charlton can hardly be relishing the task after their visit to Wycombe two years ago when they scrambled a 0-0 draw at Loakes Park. Charlton was quoted afterwards as being 'extremely relieved' to have survived and the First Division Club only clinched the replay 1-0 in the 89th minute.

Goole Town, who equalised in the last minute at Wrexham on Saturday, have the chance of a trip to Sunderland if they can win their replay.

Wycombe's conquerors Reading have one of the worst ties of the round, a long journey to Hereford United.

If Hitchin can beat Swindon tonight, they have the chance of a money spinning visit to Fulham in the third round, although the Third Division club must be fancied to take the replay. Watford, 3-2 winners at Hillingdon, face the possibility of another non-league challenge in the next round. They must travel to the winners of the Northwich-Peterborough tie.

Kettering, who beat Tooting on Saturday, must fancy their chances of a place in round four. They are at home to Colchester or Brentford.

Latest table

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dagenham	23	13	5	5	39	22	44
Wycombe	**23**	**13**	**4**	**6**	**36**	**21**	**43**
Tooting	24	11	4	9	51	45	37
Hitchin	17	11	3	3	26	16	36
Leatherhead	21	11	2	8	32	21	35
Enfield	17	10	5	2	24	14	35
Tilbury	21	11	2	8	23	22	35
Sutton	22	10	4	8	31	29	34
Wal'stow	21	10	3	8	28	27	33
Ley stone	19	9	4	6	30	24	31
Bishops St	21	9	4	8	31	28	31
Slough	19	9	3	7	28	24	30
Hendon	21	8	3	10	28	30	27
Staines	18	6	3	11	23	33	24
Croydon	16	6	3	7	15	19	23
Southall	20	6	3	11	31	28	21
Barking	18	6	2	10	19	26	20
Woking	18	5	4	9	22	29	19
Dulwich	22	4	6	12	26	38	18
Kingstonian	20	4	4	12	20	32	16
Ilford	20	2	4	14	9	37	10

All set for battle . . . Keith Mead, the Wanderers skipper, leads his team out before Saturday's match. Goalkeeper John Maskell is behind him.

RAFFLE RAISES £300

WYCOMBE Wanderers Supporters Club has raised a highly creditable £300 from their raffle which they have been running for a month in aid of the Tony Horseman-John Maskell Testimonial.

Over 5,500 raffle tickets were sold in all and the winning tickets were drawn at the clubhouse on Thursday. A list of winners appears below. First prize was a portable television while there were 10 other prizes.

The proceeds of the raffle will be handed over to the two players at a special disco on Saturday evening.

Supporters Club treasurer Chris Richardson paid tribute to those who had contributed prizes and thanked those who had helped in selling tickets.

Winners: Television — 0195 Mrs Beeks, 2 Branch Road, High Wycombe; radio — 3779 Miss Lacey, 52 Tyzack Road, HW; food hamper — 0073 L. H. Smith, Woodland View, Cadmore End; coffee table — 3604 T. Robertson, Chalgrove Cavaliers; whisky — 6080 M. J. Tinally, 24 Hughenden Road, HW; fruit — 6845 Flo, 15 Highwood Avenue, HW; perfume — 2625 P. O'Toole, Wycombe Marsh Paper Mills; perfume — 2231 T. Guy, 128 Hughenden Road, HW; sweets — 3833 S. Grimsley, 24 Green Street, HW; sherry — 4491 L White, 237 The Pastures, HW; sherry — 3266 V. Fitzgerald, 21 Honor Road, Prestwood; glasses — 7981 N. Foster, 238 Hitherscroft Road, HW; chocolates — 4485 Mr and Mrs Hanlon, 19 Oak Crescent, HW.

Wycombe Wanderers Supporters Club members who organised the raffle for the Tony Horseman-John Maskell Testimonial, pictured with the prizes on Thursday. Left to right: Ron Butterfield, Alan Page, June Hanlon, Alan Goddard, Fred Hanlon, Philip Butterfield, Chris Richardson, Maureen Goddard, Pete Russell, Peter Jemmett.